

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Richard D. Michael was born on November 20, 1932, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Fred and Louise Michael; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Richard grew up in Sioux Falls, served in the Army from 1950-1952, and attended the School of Mines and Technology; and,

*Whereas*, Richard married June Brooks on June 6, 1955, and to this union they were blessed with 4 children, 6 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild; and,

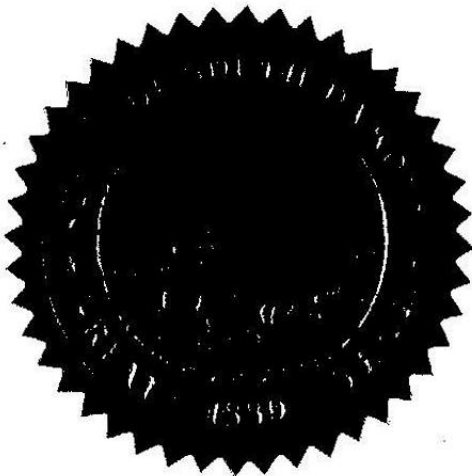
*Whereas*, Richard has stayed busy throughout his life serving his community as an active member of the Catholic Church, the Piedmont Valley Lions Club, the Telephone Pioneers of America, as a Cub and Boy Scout leader, and as a member of the Loyal Order of Moose; and,

*Whereas*, Richard will observe his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his family and friends gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 20, 2012, as

## ***RICHARD D. MICHAEL DAY***

in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Patricia H. Miller*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State